

In the Claims

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A golf club grip configured for operable engagement with a golf club shaft, said grip comprising:

a hollow tapered body having a first open end and a second substantially closed end defining a body length therebetween, and a front surface and a generally opposed rear surface, and first and second side surfaces respectively extending between and connecting said front and rear surfaces, said body being specifically adapted to be mounted on such golf club shaft by operably inserting the shaft into said open end of said body such that said front surface is disposed generally away from the user and toward a golf ball striking portion of the golf club when the club is used in typical fashion, said front surface being generally planar and said side surfaces being radiused, said body having a width dimension and a depth dimension, the depth dimension being defined between said front and rear surfaces, and the width dimension being defined between respective outer extents of said first and second side surfaces, said body including an upper portion, an intermediate portion, and a lower portion, said upper, intermediate, and lower portions, in combination, extending throughout said body length, with said upper and intermediate portions, in combination, extending at least 60% of said body length from said second end, at least said upper and intermediate portions having a width dimension to depth dimension ratio of at least 1.1:1, said upper portion having a tapered width profile, such that a width to depth ratio of said upper portion increases between a first inflection point at an intersection between said upper portion and said intermediate portion, and said second end from about 1.1:1 to about 2.5:1.

2. (original) A golf club grip as in Claim 1 wherein said rear surface is substantially planar.

3. (original) A golf club grip as in Claim 2 wherein respective planes defined by said front and rear surfaces are substantially parallel to one another.

4. (cancelled).

5. (original) A golf club grip as in Claim 1 wherein the width to depth ratio of said tapered body increases from a second inflection point at an intersection between said lower portion and said intermediate portion, to said second end.

6. (original) A golf club grip as in Claim 1 being particularly adapted for use with a golf putter.

7. (cancelled).